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REMARKS

Claims 1-13, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the indication that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

1. Claim 7 has been amended, thereby mooting the objection to the drawings and mooting the objection to claim 7.

2. Claims 1-4, 7, 9 and 11 were rejected to under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mori et al. U.S. Patent 6,628,137 and Swoboda et al. U.S. Patent 6,032,268.

Mori's tester includes an ADC/DAC measurement unit 23 mounted on BOST board 26. Mori is silent as to whether any connection is made between Mori's measurement unit 23 and the substrate of a test device mounted at DUT socket 12. Thus, Mori does not disclose either a device measuring unit having a first or second connector in connection with the substrate of a test device as claimed by applicants.

Thus, there is no disclosure or teaching in either Mori or Swoboda that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in either Mori or Swoboda that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 9 and 11 and allowance of the same are therefore respectfully requested.

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3. Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mori, Swoboda, and Maeda U.S. Patent 4,467,275.

Claims 6 and 8, each of which depends upon claim 1, are each allowable for at least the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 1. Maeda, which discloses a device for measuring the DC characteristics of a system, does not supply what is lacking in Mori and Swoboda.

For all of the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Mori, Swoboda, or Maeda that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Mori, Swoboda, or Maeda that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection of claims 6 and 8, and allowance of the same are therefore respectfully requested.

4. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mori, Swoboda, and Kurihara U.S. Patent 6,255,843.

Claims 10, which depends upon claim 1, is allowable for at least the same reasons stated above with respect to claim 1. Kurihara, which discloses an integrated circuit testing apparatus where an IC 300 is coupled to a test head 200, does not supply what is lacking in Mori and Swoboda.

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For all of the foregoing reasons, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Mori, Swoboda, or Kurihara that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in in any of Mori, Swoboda, or Kurihara that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection of claim 10 and allowance of the same are therefore respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28951.5300). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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